(a) and (b) Department of Information Technology received a project proposal from Government of Karnataka in the year 2000 for financial support of Rs. 47.407 crores for computerization of their treasuries. Government of Karnataka was advised in December 2000 to reframe the proposal by reducing the scope to that of pilot implementation including development of software, as per the norms prevailing at that time. Government of Karnataka did not come back with the revised proposal.

Revision of Seniority List

3120. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DoT has revised seniority list of TES Group 'B' Officers as per orders of Deptt. of Personnel and Training;

(b) list of those SC & ST Officers of MTNL, Delhi promoted TES Group 'B' post during the last three years and those of OBC category officers promoted to said post afterwards and got subsequent local officiating promotion to STS and ITS Group 'A' post;

(c) whether MTNL plans to promote all eligible SC & ST officers of ITS Group 'A' (Local Officiating) post at par with their juniors;

(d) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Purchase of GSM Interceptors

3121. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments are allowed to purchase an equipment known as GSM Interceptor from foreign companies, for the purpose of surveillance; and

(b) the number of such equipment have been purchased by each State Government either with the permission or without the permission of Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No Sir. No State Government has requested for such facility.

Abolishing the Agent Norms in Postal Department

3122. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agents for NSC, MIP, PPF and other post office saving schemes that are operating in Karnataka State:

(b) how many of them are in Bangalore City;

(c) the percentage of commission given on various national saving schemes to these agents;

(d) whether Government are aware that public have to wait 3-4 hours before the counters because of the agents who are coming in between with a number of applications; and

(e) whether Government are considering to abolish the agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a)

Sl. No.	Category of Agents	No. of Agents	Savings schemes for which eligible to mobilize investments
1.	Standardized Agency System (SAS) Agents	16932	1/2/3/5-Year Time Deposits, Monthly Income Account Scheme, Kisan Vikas Patras, National Savings Certificate (NSC) (VIII Issue) & Senior Citizens Savings Scheme
2.	Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana (MPKBY) Agents	22946	Recurring Deposit Accounts
3.	Public Provident Fund (PPF) Agents	3122	Public Provident Fund
	TOTAL:	43000	